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To VIKTOR[i].

No. 3243[a]:

1. You did not answer the main point. Since you do not give any instructions on the assignment of SHTOK's[ii] people or on KATYA's [iii] successor we are compelled to propose the following temporary solution which is by no means satisfactory to the OFFICE[KONTORA][iv]: gradually

[38 groups unrecoverable]

[D% KAVALERI]ST[v].

BEN[vi], who is in touch with STUKACH's[vii] wife, we can turn over to STUKACH, ZORA[viii] and SIMA[ix] temporarily put on ice [ZAKONSERVIROVAT']. DLINNIJ[x] with your sanction will be turned over to SVET[xi].

2. Until the new people who are going to take over SHTOK's probationers arrive it is clear that Sh. ought to stay here, that is until about September. KATYA is leaving in August and if meanwhile YULIYA[xii] does not arrive LINA[xiii] will have to carry out the duties of operational secretary.

3. Do you consider it advisable to turn one or other of Sh.'s probationers, for instance ZORA, over to [B% LEG[xiv]]?

4. We have got in touch with NAZAR[xv]. By post you advised that NAZAR would be employed on the second line but he himself says that he was entrusted with the first and third lines. Which is right? Furthermore, recently you telegraphed that we were to put probationers of the colony on ice until the arrival of a special work, but by post you ask whom we can nominate for this work. Does it mean that in spite of the seriousness of the situation you do not intend to send anybody?

5. As SHTOK's and SHAKH's[xvi] departure is imminent please in any case orient me on what the prospects are for making good the OFFICE's complement of personnel. One hopes that in the sphere of personnel one will not have to employ oneself in squaring the circle.

No. 589

MAJ[xvii]

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Notes: [a] Not available.

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] SHOK: i.e. STOCK, Mikhail A. SHALYAPIN.
- [iii] KATYA: Ekaterina GOLOVINA.
- [iv] KONTORA: Local MGB organ or residency.
- [v] KAVALERIST: i.e. CAVALRYMAN, Sergej KURNAKOV.
- [vi] BEN: Unidentified cover-name.
- [vii] STUKACH: i.e. INFORMER, Joseph KATZ.
- [viii] ZORA: Flora Don WOVSHIN.
- [ix] SIMA: Judith COPLON.
- [x] DLINNIJ: i.e. LONG, unidentified cover-name.
- [xi] SVET: i.e. LIGHT, possibly Aleksandr A. RAEV.
- [xii] YULIYA: i.e. JULIA, Olga KHLOPKOVA.
- [xiii] LINA: Zoya Semenovna MYAKOTINA.
- [xiv] LEG: Only occurrence. Unidentified cover-name if correct.
- [xv] NAZAR: Stepan SHUNDENKO.
- [xvi] SHAKH: i.e. SHAH, Konstantin Alekseevich SHABANOV.
- [xvii] MAJ: Stepan APRESYAN.

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